S. No.	Name of the Scheme	(Rs in crores)
6	Use of Plastics in Agriculture including Drip Irrigation etc	250.00
7	Production of Fruits and Vegetables Augmenting Vegetable Seed Production	15.00
8	Development of Cocoa	3.00
9	Development of Arecanut	5.00
10	Development of Mushroom Cultivation	10.00
11	Promoting Cultivation of Root and Tuber Crops.	2.50
12	Development of Floriculture	10.00
13	Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	5.00
14	Development of Betelvine	2.00
15	Export Enhancement Programme	132.50
		1000.00

(c) and (d) The varibus Central Sector Programmes for horticulture development are under the process of clearance of Expenditure Finance Committee. All the above mentioned programmes are proposed to be implemented in all the States|Union Territories including Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra Gujarat and Goa except the programmes at Serial Number 8 and 9.

(e) Under an Indo-Italian Project for development of temperate climate fruit crops a foreign investment of Rs. 6.46 crores was expected from August, 1990, of which about Rs. 3.00 crores will be spent during first 2 years of the VIII plan period.

Starvation Deaths

1379. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number of starvation deaths in each State during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 and the steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): No report of any starvation death has been received from any State Government, during 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Production of Sugarcane

1380. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been gradual decline in the sugarcane production in the country;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of decline in the sugarcane production during 1992-93 as compared to the production in 1991-92 stating the shrinkage in the sugarcane cultivated areas;

(c) what are the major causes identified for the decline in the production of sugarcane; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to encourage the sugarcane

growers to boost the production of sugarcane.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a): No, Sir. The sugarcane production has shown continuous increase during the last six years upto 1991-92. However, during 1992-93 it is likely to show a decline in case production as compared to 1991-92.

(b) The final estimates of area and production of sugarcane for 1992-93 have not yet become due from the States. However, according to the present assessment, area and production of sugarcane during 1992-93 are likely to show a decrease of 6 to 7 per cent as compared to that in 1991-92.

(c): Decline in production of sugarcane during 1992-93 is attributed to decline in both area and yield. The decline in area is partly artivuted to deficient|scanty rains at the time of sowing for the 1992-93 cropyin some o the major growing States. Further the drawal of cane by the sugar mills from the bumper crop of 1991-92 was not adequate resulting considerable delay in harvesting of crop. The reation crop of delayed harvest is likely to decrease the productivity of 1992-93 crop season.

(d): The strategy so far adopted, which includts provision of statutory minimum prices as also use of Sugarcane Development Fund, for increasing production of sugarcane in the country has yielded good results and the same is going to be kept up.

Cost of Agriculture Produces

1381. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of various agriculture produces this year; and

(b) what are their corresponding pices duing the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a): The estifates of cost ofprodction of crops under the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation| Production of Crops become available only after the crop year is over. The cost ofpr odction estimates of crops for 1992-93 have, therefore, not yet become due The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices has, however, projected the cost of production for 1992-93 for some of the crops as under:—

Crop/State	Projected Cost of Production on Cost C3 basis£*
	(Rs. per tl.)
1	2
Wheat	
Haryana	241
Punjab	250
Paddy	
Haryana	282
Punjab	243
Rape Musterd	
Haryana	550
Rajasthan	520